

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,452,189 to Latsch et al. (“Latsch”) and U.S. Patent No. 2,100,320 to Browning (“Browning”).

In this Amendment, Applicants amend independent claims 1 and 18 to recite, “wherein a bottom plane portion of the spark plug does not extend beyond a bottom surface of the cylinder head” and “positioning a bottom plane portion of the spark plug so not to extend beyond a bottom surface of the cylinder head,” respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter was added, as the disclosure provides support for these claim amendments. See, for example, paragraph 16 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art, including Latsch and Browning, do not teach a bottom plane portion that does not extend beyond a bottom surface of the cylinder head.

Applicants also amend claims 4, 6, and 9—to reflect the amendments to the claims—and cancel claims 10-17, without prejudice or disclaimer.

As such, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, including pending claims 1-9 and 18-20.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conversation might otherwise advance prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

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